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SUBJ: UGANDA'S PRESIDENT AMIN ATTEMPTS TO FORGE

MPLA UNITY.

1. DECEMBER 16 OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY REPORTED DECEMBER 14 PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE MPLA (EAST) LEADER CHIPENDA READ COPY OF LETTER FROM UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMINE TO SOMALIAN PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE IN WHICH AMINE DECLARED HIMSELF GREATLY IMPOSED BY CHIPENDA'S HONESTY AND SINCERITY DURING LATTER'S VISIT (WEEK OF DECEMBER 8) TO KAMPALA. AMINE INVITED REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THREE MPLA FACTIONS, BUT ONLY CHIPENDA CAME. AMINE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR ASSISTANCE GIVEN CHIPENDA BY MOBUTU AND SAID THAT CHIPENDA'S ATTITUDE MERITS ENCOURAGEMENT BY OAU.

2. CHIPENDA REGRETTED ABSENCE AT KAMPALA OF RIVAL MPLA

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FACTION LEADERS NETO AND PINTO DE ANDRADE. SAID PERSONAL

INTEREST AND INSATIABLE THIRST FOR POWER ARE PERPETUATING MPLA SPLIT. CHIPENDA SAID CABINDA IS INTEGRAL PART OF ANGOLA, THAT QUESTION OF FRONTIERS CAN BE DISCUSSED AFTER INDEPENDENCE. CHIPENDA ALSO ANNOUNCED MPLA (EAST) OFFICE OPENED IN LUANDA DECEMBER 11.

3. IN SEPARATE PRESS RELEASE CHIPENDA SAID THAT MPLA CONSIDERS ILLEGAL ANY COMMITMENTS MADE BY NETO FACTION FOLLOWING ITS WALKOUT FROM CONFERENCE AT LUSAKA. ALSO REGARDS AS ILLEGAL ALL ACTIVITIES OF NETO FACTION, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ANGOLA. DRAWS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO GRAVITY OF SITUATION IN ANGOLA AS WELL AS TO ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR OF NETO AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INTERIM PORTUGUESE AUTHORITY FOR SUPPORTING NETO FACTION, SUPPORT WHICH COULD LEAD TO "EXPLOSIVE SITUATION". MPLA CONTINUES FOR THE TIME BEING, HOWEVER, TO SUPPORT CEASEFIRE IN ORDER TO AVOID DELAYING NETOTIATPNN PROCESS. APPEALS TO FNLA AND UNITA TO JOIN MPLA (EAST) IN UNITED FRONT TO SPEED INDEPENDENCE. APPEALS, FINALLY, TO ALL MPLA MILITANTS AND SUPPORTERS TO RISE ABOVE PERSONAL AMBITION AND IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES FOR SAKE OF LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE.

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